

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, MISSOURI

STATE OF MISSOURI,

Case No. 19RA-CR00003

vs.
CHRISTOPHER ALLEN ESRY
SSN: XXX-XX-2758

OCN:

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MICHELLE CHAPMAN
CIRCUIT CLERK
RANDOLPH COUNTY, MO

FELONY COMPLAINT

COUNT I

Charge Code Number: 565.020-001Y19840911.0

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Randolph, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant in violation of Section 565.020, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the first degree punishable upon conviction under Section 565.020, RSMo, in that on or about on or about December 28, 2018, in the County of Randolph, State of Missouri, the defendant after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Darren Tharp by shooting him.

COUNT II

Charge Code Number: 565.020-001Y19840911.0

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Randolph, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant in violation of Section 565.020, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the first degree punishable upon conviction under Section 565.020, RSMo, in that on or about on or about December 28, 2018, in the County of Randolph, State of Missouri, the defendant after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Shane Hare by shooting him.

COUNT III

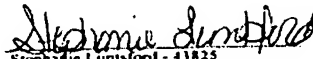
Charge Code Number: 570.023-001Y20171204.0

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Randolph, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant in violation of Section 570.023, RSMo, committed the class A *felony* of robbery in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about December 28, 2018, in the county of Randolph, State of Missouri, the defendant forcibly stole methamphetamine in

the possession of Darren Tharp and/or Shane Hare, and in the course thereof displayed and threatened the use of what appeared to be a deadly weapon.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached statement(s) of facts, made a part hereof and submitted as a basis upon which this court may find the existence of probable cause.

Wherefore, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that an arrest warrant be issued as provided by law.


Stephanie Lainsford - 43825
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Randolph County, State of Missouri

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PC Statement / Christopher Esry

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

EVENT#: 1812-1043

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{} IN CUSTODY DATE OF ARREST (00/00/2019) TIME OF ARREST (00:00)

{X} UNDER INVESTIGATION

DEFENDANT NAME Esry, Christopher Allen

DATE OF BIRTH: 09/29/1998 AGE: 20 RACE: White SEX: Male SSN: ~~000000~~-2758

OCN:

ADDRESS 306 N. College Avenue, Apt 6, Moberly, Missouri, 65270

I, the undersigned, upon my oath and under the penalties of perjury, state as follows: I am a law enforcement officer employed by the Moberly, Missouri, Police Department. I have probable cause to believe that the defendant, having the above-mentioned date of birth and social security number, if any, committed one or more criminal offense(s). The facts supporting this belief occurred on or about 12/28/2018 in the City of Moberly, Randolph County, Missouri, as follows:

On Saturday, December 29, 2018, at 1124 hours, two deceased persons were located in a vehicle parked in the parking lot between the businesses of Bud's Place and West side Inn in the 600 block of Concannon St in Moberly, MO. The two persons appeared to have died from gunshot wounds. The two persons were identified as Darren Tharp and Shane Hare. Upon viewing surveillance video from surrounding businesses, it was learned Tharp's vehicle was parked facing southbound in between Bud's Place, 604 Concannon Street, and West Side Inn, 618 Concannon Street at approximately 0429 hours on Friday, December 28, 2018.

At approximately 0440 hours, two subjects were observed walking eastbound from behind West Side Inn, towards Tharp's vehicle. One subject was observed to be of a smaller stature, while the other subject appeared to be of a larger stature. The subjects were further observed approaching Tharp's vehicle, at which time one subject approached from the driver's side while the other subject approached from the passenger side. At approximately 0442 hours, I observed both subjects run from the vehicle westbound behind West Side Inn.

While conducting the investigation, officers were contacted by Randolph County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sgt Ron Dulany who advised on 12/28/18 he investigated a vehicle fire in rural Randolph County. The vehicle was a red Ford F150 registered to ~~Robert P. Bloss~~. Sgt Dulany advised the fire appeared to have been intentionally set. Sgt Dulany advised during the course of his investigation it was learned R. ~~P. Bloss~~'s step-son, Aaron Bloss, is known to drive the vehicle. Let it be known, this vehicle fire was reported approximately 4.5 hours after the homicide.

On 12/30/18, Detectives with the Moberly Police Department interviewed L ~~Bloss~~, the estranged wife of Aaron Bloss, at the Moberly Police station. L ~~Bloss~~ advised on 12/27/18, her husband, Aaron Bloss, and a subject she identified as Chris Esry were at her house in Moberly. L ~~Bloss~~ advised while A Bloss and C Esry were in her house she observed them loading handguns. L ~~Bloss~~ stated they advised her they were going to Columbia to commit a burglary. L ~~Bloss~~ stated A Bloss's gun was silver with a black handgrip and C Esry's was completely black. L ~~Bloss~~ stated they left in "~~Robert P. Bloss~~'s truck" which was a truck belonging to A Bloss's stepfather, ~~Robert P. Bloss~~. L ~~Bloss~~ stated on 12/28/18, she received a message from A Bloss in which he stated he was going to prison for something he didn't do.

On 01/01/19, Detectives with the Moberly Police Department made contact with Aaron Bloss in an interview room at the Moberly Police station. During a post-Miranda interrogation, A Bloss advised at approximately 0330 hours on 12/28/18, he was contacted by Chris Esry, who advised he needed A Bloss to pick

him up. A Bloss advised he picked up C Esry at an unknown address on Concannon St. A Bloss stated Travis Koenig was with him when he picked up C Esry. A Bloss stated when he made contact with C Esry, C Esry advised he was meeting with people at Bud's Place who he was going to steal drugs from. A Bloss stated C Esry told him he had to help with the robbery. A Bloss stated he told C Esry he was not going and C Esry pointed a gun at him. A Bloss stated while they were traveling to Bud's Place, C Esry told A Bloss if he messed anything up C Esry would kill his whole family. A Bloss stated he parked the truck he was driving at the corner of Franklin St and Hagood St. A Bloss stated C Esry told him (A Bloss) to come with him while T Koenig waited in the truck. A Bloss stated they walked to the car which was parked near Bud's Place. A Bloss stated C Esry got in the back driver's side seat while he got in the back passenger's side seat. A Bloss stated C Esry threatened the occupants of the vehicle by pointing a gun at them and demanding "the dope". A Bloss identified "dope" as methamphetamine. A Bloss stated the subject in the front passenger's seat passed a bag of methamphetamine back to A Bloss. A Bloss stated he was getting out of the vehicle when he heard a gunshot. A Bloss stated he began running away and heard a second shot. A Bloss stated he ran back to the truck. A Bloss stated C Esry also ran back to the truck. A Bloss stated they all left the area in the truck. A Bloss stated Koenig had agreed to be the "get-away" driver and had knowledge they were attempting to commit a robbery.

A Bloss stated he had never seen the subjects in the vehicle before. A Bloss stated C Esry told him the subjects would "be an easy pick because they're lame". A Bloss stated C Esry referred to someone he was going to steal drugs from as a "pick".

Let it be known, after viewing the surveillance video mentioned above, I observed A. Bloss and Esry to appear to be similar in stature to the subjects on the video.

An autopsy was performed on Tharp and Hare, at which time it was learned both subjects sustained a single gunshot wound to the head. The driver of the vehicle, Tharp, sustained a single gunshot wound to the back side of the head, which is consistent with A. Bloss' account of C. Esry being behind Tharp when the shot was fired. While processing the scene, Hare was located crouched in the front passenger seat floor board, facing towards the driver's side of the vehicle, and was observed to have a gunshot to his left eye.

In the event the facts constituting a crime or crimes are misdemeanors only, the following facts provide reasonable grounds for the Court to issue a warrant in lieu of summons:

() Defendant will not appear because
() Defendant poses a danger to the victim or the community/other person because

I have read all of my offense reports, if any, which may be attached to this Probable Cause Statement. Those reports, if any, are hereby made a part of this Probable Cause Statement as if herein stated verbatim. The facts stated in this Probable Cause Statement are true, according to my best information, knowledge, and belief.

FALSE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE PUNISHABLE BY MISSOURI LAW

Submitted by: /s/ Det. Cpl. L Ford

Approved by: /s/ Sgt B Calvert